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Reg. No.

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Name :

*For Scheme I and Scheme II Candidates***Second Year Higher Secondary Examination**

Part – I

ENGLISH

Maximum : 80 Scores

Time : 2½ Hours

Cool off time : 15 Minutes

General Instructions to Candidates :

- There is a 'cool-off time' of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2½ hrs.
- You are not allowed to write your answers nor to discuss anything with others during the 'cool-off time'.
- Read questions carefully before answering.
- All questions are compulsory and only internal choice is allowed.
- When you select a question, all the sub-questions must be answered from the same question itself.
- Electronic devices except non programmable calculators are not allowed in the Examination Hall.

1. Imagine that Richard Wright, after he had become well-known, gets the chance to advise a young man who is about to start work as a teacher. Write, in three sentences, the advice that Wright would give the young man. (6)
2. You are impressed by A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's speech "Let's Respond to India's Call". You wish to explain the speech to students of the upper primary section of your school. Write, in three sentences the main points that you plan to highlight. (6)
3. Write a brief letter to The Long-Nosed One, inviting him to come home to meet your grandmother, who has to remain in bed but would very much enjoy the meeting. (5)



4. Michael Donegan's foster-parents, the Carrolls wish to surprise him one day (before his illness) by arranging an unexpected reunion with Rose. Imagine that you are Michael. How would you express your gratitude to the Carrolls ? Answer in four sentences. (4)
5. Jackie Coogan, now an old man, has been asked to talk to a group of school students about his experiences. Imagine that you are part of this group. What questions would you ask him ? What, do you think, would be his replies to these questions ? Answer in six sentences (three questions, three responses). (6)
6. You get a chance to visit Kalpana Chawla's house and to meet her family. How would you describe this extraordinary experience to your classmates when you return ? Answer in five sentences. (5)
7. Adoor Gopalakrishnan was a judge at your Drama Festival. Impressed by your acting talent, he has offered you a small but significant role in his next film. Your parents, however, want you to concentrate on your studies and refuse the offer. What arguments will you use to persuade them to let you act in the film ? Answer in five sentences. (5)
8. How would Victoria express her happiness to her grandfather on his 'return to life' ? Answer in five sentences. (5)
9. Do you have any 'speciality' like Vera in "The Open Window" ? Express it in a single sentence. (2)
10. Give the title of a film by Charlie Chaplin or Satyajit Ray that you have seen. Explain why you liked/did not like the film, in one or two sentences. If you have not seen any films made by these directors, you can write one or two sentences about a film (made by either of them) that you would like to watch. (2)
11. Your younger sister believes that your parents show more affection to you than they do to her. How will you reassure her that they have equal or even greater love for her ? Imagine that you are speaking to her and answer in three sentences. (6)
12. You are in the habit of buying lottery tickets. Your teacher has advised you not to waste time and money on them. Write, in four sentences, your response to your teacher, either accepting her advice, or disagreeing with her. Your arguments should be based on reason and understanding. (4)



13. You have read and studied Kamala Das's poem "Middle Age". What are your own views about this period of life ? Answer in four or more sentences, basing your answer on your own experience of living with middle-aged persons (your parents/relations/other elders). (8)
14. Prepare a brief bio-data of your favorite film star or sports personality or a role model in any field of activity. Imagine that you are sending the bio-data to the jury of a prestigious award which you would like your hero to win. You can use the standard bio-data format or write in eight or more full sentences. (8)
15. Read the following poem :

The Past Will Not Return

The times gone by will not return, you fool !

Brooding on the past will only send you

Tumbling into the abyss* of deep regret,

*abyss – a deep pit, usually dark

And you will be destroyed. Forget those years,

The ones that have passed, and in this take heart..

Today is a new dawn, a new start.

So eat and play, and live in joyfulness;

Your sorrows will leave to never return.

Answer the following questions :

- 1) Explain the title of the poem.
- 2) What is the meaning of 'take heart' ?
- 3) Why should we eat and play, and live in joyfulness ?
- 4) Do you feel discouraged by the words of the poem ? Try to explain your actual feelings on reading the poem. (2×4=8)